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Mr. David R. Donovan

Dear David:

I am writing to bring you up to date on the status of our efforts to commission a statue in honor of your father. A great deal has happened since your meeting with Sam Anderson and Bill Casey last August. With the help of Bill Casey's friend, Leo Cherne, and a national sculpture society, six nationally renowned sculptors were recommended. Bill and Leo reviewed their portfolios and narrowed the list to two sculptors.

Each of these sculptors was flown in to discuss the work with Bill Casey and they were invited to submit proposals. Although Bill had hoped to make the selection himself, his health did not permit this, so the Agency's Fine Arts Commission made the final selection. We hope to initiate the commission in the next few weeks.

The sculptor which we selected had both excellent references and an impressive portfolio. I feel certain that his work, which will take 18 months to complete, will do honor to your father's memory. Naturally, we would like you to attend the future unveiling session. I will be in touch with you as the statue nears com 'ion. In the interim, please feel free to call me if I can be of service.

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